

Pride & Passion Linlithgow

Minutes of the Open Inaugural Meeting held on Thursday 8th May 2008 at 19.00hrs in the OLD Tourist Information Centre in Burgh Halls

An excellent gathering of twenty-six interested parties attended this Open Meeting, on what was a beautiful summers evening.

Welcome

Ronnie Barberry welcomed everybody and set the tone for the evenings proceedings. He advised the gathering of the format for the evening, with the main reason being the set up and agreement of a formal constitution for Pride & Passion Linlithgow.

Progress Report

Ken Richardson then advised on the 'Show so Far' and what Pride & Passion had achieved in its initial 20 months, operating as an unconstituted voluntary group.

John Aitken then gave a brief description of the website www.linlithgow.com *Linlithgow – a Great Visit!* He highlighted its aim and its success in promoting Tourism, Organisations and Business locally, nationally and Internationally. The site had just achieved over 97,000 unique visits since it went live on the internet some 13 months previously.

Plans

The 'Future Business' ideas and opportunities were then outlined by Ronnie Bamberry, before moving on to the formal business of adopting the proposed Constitution of Pride & Passion Linlithgow.

Adoption of the Constitution

A Draft Constitution had been circulated and was discussed.

It was proposed that the Draft Constitution be adopted and that Pride & Passion be duly formed as a constituted voluntary organisation. On a show off hands, this was unanimously agreed.

Membership Subscription

Discussions took place with regard to Membership types and fees and it was unanimously agreed that an annual subscription of £5 be levied for Individuals, Groups and Businesses.

Election of Officers

The following were nominated and elected unopposed:

Chair	Ronnie Bamberry
Vice Chair	John Aitken
Secretary	Ken Richardson
Treasurer	Alan Young

Note: Subsequently an EGM was held which changed the Constitution and, following that change, John Aitken resigned from the Committee to avoid any possibility of conflict of interest or personal payment issues, as his business, Linnet, does website

maintenance work for Pride & Passion Linlithgow. He continues to support the Committee in an advisory capacity

Election of Committee Members

The following were nominated and elected unopposed:

Tom Conn

Ian Harkness

Linlithgow Round Table representative (via Alan Evans)

Linlithgow Community Council representative (via Brian Wilson)

Jon Newey

Clare Pollock

Consultant to PPL – Colin Liddell

Concluding Remarks

The enthusiasm of all the attendees was obvious for all to see, view and feel at this Open Meeting. With the Committee and Constitution now in place, Pride & Passion Linlithgow is ready to work for the advancement of Tourism and Business in the Royal Burgh.

Chair Ronnie Bamberry thanked all the attendees for their time on such a beautiful evening and for their support of the new organisation.

He closed the meeting by advising that Pride & Passion Linlithgow had previously appealed for funds and had already received very generous proposals of support from Alan Steel Asset Management and Linlithgow Grange Rotary Club.

The Meeting closed at 21.20.